ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Revenue Department - Allegations of Corruption against Sri Chinninti Kristaiah, Village Revenue Officer, Cluster-1 of Alur Village, O/o Tahsildar, Alur Mandal, Kurnool District - Trapped on 18.03.2020 - Sanction of Prosecution under Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 (Central Act 16 of 2018) - Accorded - Orders - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.V) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.183 **Date:18.04.2023**

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O R D E R:

Whereas Sri Chinninti Kristaiah S/o Late C. Anjinaiah, worked as Village Revenue Officer, Cluster-1 of Alur Village O/o Tahsildar, Alur from 27.07.2019 to 18.03.2020. By virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of the public servant as defined under Sec.2(c) of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018.

2. And whereas Sri Masala Bharath S/o Late Masala Venkanna, age 26 years, R/o H.No.4/523A, Indira Nagar, Alur Village & Mandal, Kurnool District and he is working as a salesman in Government Wine Shop No.13155, Alur Village. His grandfather Late Sri Masala Hanumanna gifted the land to an extent of Ac.2.69 in Sy. No. 734-A of Alur Village and obtained Pass Book in the name of Smt. Masala Aruna (mother of the Complainant), but the survey number was entered in Online Adangal as 734-A4. The Complainant previously applied for the survey of the said land for fixing boundaries, the Surveyor surveyed the land and informed that the land in Sy. No. 734-A2 to an extent of Ac.1.26 cents and in Sy. No. 734-B2 to an extent of Ac.0.74 cents are in the enjoyment of the Complainant. In the Pass Book of his mother, it was mentioned as Ac.2.69 cents of land, but in the Online Adangal only Ac.2.00 cents of land shown against them. In the said land, on 10.04.2018 his mother gifted an extent of Ac.1.00 cents of land to his Aunt Smt. Lakshmi Devi, through a gift deed. On 07.06.2018 a corrected Deed was registered by correcting the Sy. Nos. to the earlier Gift Deed. In the remaining land of Ac.1.00 cents, to an extent of Ac.0.63 cents in Sy.No.734-A2 and Ac.0.37 cents in Sy. No.734-B2 of Alur Village has to be entered in the name of the mother of the Complainant in Online. In this regard, he applied on 05.11.2019 and 07.02.2020 through Mee-Seva. Thereafter he approached Sri Chinninti Kristaiah, VRO for correction in Adangal for which Sri Chinninti Kristaiah demanded a bribe. Due to the non-payment of the bribe, their application was rejected twice. Thereafter he met Sri Chinninti Kristaiah and enquired about his application, then Sri Chinninti Kristaiah informed him due to nonpayment of a bribe his application was rejected. Sri Chinninti Kristaiah further advised the Complainant to apply once again and meet him, then he will tell further process. Accordingly, on 08.03.2020 the Complainant applied in the name of his mother through Mee-Seva by paying an amount of Rs.145/-. Later,

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on 09.03.2020 he met the VRO Sri Chinninti Kristaiah, then the VRO demanded a bribe amount of Rs.10,000/- for doing his work. Then the Complainant pleaded that he is unable to pay that much of an amount and requested to reduce the same, but the VRO has not accepted and the Complainant stated that he will bring the amount by asking his mother. The conversation was recorded by him through his cell phone. On 13.03.2020 Sri Chinninti Kristaiah contacted from his mobile number 7995218595 to the mobile number 9640464404 of the Complainant and informed that his work was completed and asked to pay the bribe amount, those conversations was also recorded by the Complainant. Then the Complainant informed that at present he doesn't have money and promised to pay on Monday. Sri Chinninti Kristaiah, VRO, Alur has demanded a bribe of Rs.10,000/- for doing his work and as the Complainant is not willing to pay the bribe, he preferred a written complaint against Sri Chinninti Kristaiah, VRO, Alur and met the DSP, ACB, Kurnool on 17.03.2020 at 07.30 AM for taking necessary action. After following due procedure, the DSP, ACB, Kurnool registered the complaint as a case in Cr. No. 03/RCT-KUR/2020 U/s 7 of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 on 18.03.2020 at 06.10 AM and took up investigation.

3. And whereas having completed the Pre-Trap Proceedings the trap party left to the office of Thasildar, Alur where Sri Chinninti Kristaiah, VRO, Alur was trapped at about 12.20 hours on 18.03.2020. Sri Masala Bharath went into the VROs office room situated in the O/o Tahsildar, Alur at about 12.15 hours, found Sri Chinninti Kristaiah, VRO, Alur along with other VROs are present in their seats. When he approached Sri Chinninti Kristaiah, VRO, Alur he enquired about the demanded bribe amount and after confirmation that he brought the demanded bribe amount and Sri Chinninti Kristaiah, VRO, Alur asked him to pay the bribe amount, when Masala Bharath handed over the bribe amount of Rs.10,000/- to Sri Chinninti Kristaiah, VRO, Alur, he received the same with his left hand, counted with both hands and kept the same in his left side pocket of his pants. Both the hand fingers of Sri Chinninti Kristaiah, VRO, Alur when tested in sodium carbonate solutions, the solutions turned into pink colour and the amount of Rs.10,000/- was recovered at the instance of Sri Chinninti Kristaiah, VRO, Alur from the left side pants pocket. The inner lining of the left side pants pocket of Sri Chinninti Kristaiah, VRO, Alur was also tested in sodium carbonate solution and the solution turned into pink colour. The resultant chemical solutions, sample sodium carbonate powder, pant of Sri Chinninti Kristaiah, VRO, Alur and tainted amount of Rs.10,000/- were seized by DSP, ACB, Kurnool. When questioned about the official favour documents pertaining to the mother of Sri Masala Bharath, Sri Chinninti Kristaiah, VRO, Alur produced the application file from a bunch of applications by taking it from the wooden almarah situated to his left side of table. The DSP, ACB, Kurnool seized the above official favour application file containing total sheets 23 duly attested by the mediators and Tahsildar, Alur for the purpose of investigation. The Tahsildar, Alur Sri D. Hussain Saheb produced the Attendance Register of O/o Tahsildar, Alur and the same was seized by the DSP, ACB, Kurnool. The DSP, ACB examined the person present in the office and recorded their statements. As prima facie case was made out Sri Chinninti Kristaiah was arrested at 22.30 hours on 18.03.2020 after legal norms. During the course of investigation relevant witnesses were examined and documents were collected which substantiate the allegations against Sri Chinninti Kristaiah, VRO, Alur.

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4. And whereas, the said acts of Sri Chinninti Kristaiah, VRO, Alur Village O/o Tahsildar, Alur constitute the offences punishable Under Section 7 (a) of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 (Central Act 16 of 2018).

5. And whereas the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove Sri Chinninti Kristaiah, Village Revenue Officer, Alur Village O/o Tahsildar, from his office, after fully and carefully examining the material placed before them i.e., copy of FIR, Pre-Trap Proceedings, Post-Trap Proceedings and Final Investigation Report which contains the Statements of witnesses, contents of documents seized and explanation of Sri Chinninti Kristaiah, VRO, Alur in respect of the said allegations and having regard of facts and circumstances of the case, consider that Sri Chinninti Kristaiah, Village Revenue Officer, Alur Village O/o Tahsildar, Alur should be prosecuted in the court of Law.

6. Now therefore in exercise of the powers conferred under Clause (b) of Sub section (1) of Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 (Central Act 16 of 2018) the Government of Andhra Pradesh here by accord sanction for the prosecution of the said Sri Chinninti Kristaiah, Village Revenue Officer, Alur Village O/o Tahsildar, Alur for the aforesaid offences publishable Under Section 7 (a) of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 (Central Act 16 of 2018) and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the offence by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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(G. SAI PRASAD)
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